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Zozimus (323) papers, ed., uned., and pilfered works of Michael Moran. 12°, $1.50.....*N. Y.: J. A. McGee.*

The Publishers' Weekly.

APRIL 6, 1878.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"*Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto.*"—LORD BACON.

POSTAL POINTS AT ISSUE.

WE give elsewhere the sections embodying the latest modifications of the postal bill, referred to editorially last week. Sec. 22 was simply a piece of carelessness, and will be modified in the House by unanimous consent. The real points at issue are:

SEC. 9. Whether the dime reprints of books, issued nominally a certain number a week, should be given the bulk rate as periodicals, when identically the same matter in Harper's series of Select Novels, for instance, pays, as it should, regular rates. We fail to see the force of the News Company's arguments in this matter.

SEC. 13. Whether the provision that *all books* admitted to the mails from foreign countries shall be *delivered free from any customs duty*, without some limit as to value or quantity, will not either throw all importation into the mails or do great wrong to duty-paying importers, whose Bagster's Bibles, for instance, cost them $1.50 more per copy than a single copy would cost their customer. The first opportunity should be taken to modify the Postal Union Treaty in this respect; meanwhile a clause limiting mail-importation to a certain valuation might be wise.

SEC. 21. Whether the theory that local discrimination is necessary for the preservation of the free delivery system is not quite absurd in view of the fact that the government does deliver a New York paper by carrier in Boston or San Francisco at two cents per pound, while it charges one cent per two ounces for delivering the same paper across the street in New York. Postmaster James' expressed fear that the carriers would be overloaded has less weight when it is remembered that they now carry all the weekly papers, which form the great body of newspaper mail, as well as monthlies published elsewhere, without such embarrassment as to prophesy further difficulty should the local monthlies be added. The fact that there is a surplus revenue of $500,000 this year from the free delivery system is another point against Postmaster James' position.

A uniform and simple system, just to all interests, will best serve the government and the people. The bill, as it stands, is nearly satisfactory, and a few modifications will make it quite so.

ENGLISH publishers are attempting to make a protest against government monopoly in publishing, which some claim is threatened by the work of the School Board and at South Kensington. The first meeting, held at the Society of Arts, February 21st, called, however, but few together—the London *Bookseller* says only two. The *Publishers' Circular* says: "It is assumed that between the School Board and the Education Department, we should drift into the worst kind of centralization. Orthography is, to the disgust of all true scholars, seriously threatened; and South Kensington is to do all the publishing and the publishers. What next—and next?"

THE proposed repeal of the bankruptcy law is the next question on the *tapis*. The existing system has practically made it too easy for bankrupts to unload their burdens upon other people's shoulders, but every merchant must dread a return to the old State system, with as many varieties of preferment and procedure as there are States. It is to be hoped that business men may agree on some satisfactory modification of the present law, which Congress will adopt; it must not be forgotten that no bankruptcy system can be entirely satisfactory, because such systems are at the most a device to make the best of a bad job.

THERE happens into our hands the circular of a small bookseller in this city, which advertises "School-Books a Specialty. Sold (or sent by mail) on receipt of one half the Publisher's price." The trouble with most of these book-butchers is that they tell lies which are too generally believed. Of course school-books could not be sold at any such price except by means of fraud somewhere.

PARIS EXPOSITION.

THE Paris Exposition will be very generally participated in by the French book trade. The list of exhibitors includes 69 manufacturing-publishers, 97 other publishers, 12 authors, besides designers, etc., from Paris; and 59 representatives of various branches of the trade from the provinces.

THE SPRING TRADE SALE AND SALE OF PLATES.

THE time has come around again for the great festival of the trade, and Clinton Hall resounds with the mysterious call-names and confusion of voices that semi-annually call forth the wonderment of the curious frequenters of the Mercantile, who stop a while to peer through the glass doors of Messrs. Leavitt's rooms on their way up-stairs. On Wednesday the prefatory sale of plates and remainders offered by the Osgood and Houghton houses in consolidating their list, with small offerings from John E. Potter & Co. and Ledyard Bill, called together a preliminary session of trade-sale buyers, from twenty to thirty being present. Several of the plates offered on the catalogue were withdrawn from sale on authors' account; the price and disposition of the others are given below. Most of the plates brought only type-metal prices, and were added to Mr. Shoppell's collection, or were bought up by the type-founders for the melting-pot. Mr. J. K. Pratt sold, Mr. Alfred Houghton representing the house.

HOUGHTON, OSGOOD & CO.

Abbey, R.—The City of God and the Church Makers Cr. 8°, pp. 335. $1.50. Plates withdrawn. (10 c.)

Abbott, Jacob.—John Gay; or, Work for Boys. Illus. 4 v. 18°, pp. 768. Per set, $4. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) Per v., $10..... ....*Tibbals* (20 c.).

— Mary Gay; or, Work for Girls. Illus. 4 v. 18°, pp. 768. Per set, $4. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) Per v., $10. *Tibbals* (17½ c.).

— William Gay; or, Play for Boys. Illus. 4 v. 18°, pp. 768. Per set, $2.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) Per v., $10. *Tibbals* (15 c.).

— The Rollo Code of Morals. 18°, pp. 139. 45 c. $9. *Rand* (1 c.).

Abbott, Jacob and John S. C.—New Testament, with Brief Explanatory Notes. 12°, pp. 600. $1.50. $57.50. *J. David Williams.*

Abbott, John S. C. A Visit to the Mountains. 18°, pp. 179. 45 c. $9.....*Rand.*

— The School Boy. 18°. 45 c. $9..... .....*Rand.*

— The School Girl. 18°. 45 c. $9.... ....*Rand.*

Adams, Charles Francis, Jr.—A Chapter of Erie. 16°., pp. 166. $1; pap., 50 c. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $15...*Holt* (3 c.).

Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., and Henry.—Chapters of Erie and Other Essays. 12°, pp. 433. $2. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $41. *Holt.*

An American Family in Paris. Illus. 16°, pp. 331. $1; gt., $1.50. $25.....*R. W. Shoppell* (22½ c.).

Arnold, George.—Poems. Ed. by Wm. Winter. Portr. 12°, pp. 500. $2. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $23.....*Rand.*

Avonmore, Lady (Hon. Mrs. Yelverton).—Zanita. Cr. 8°, pp. 300. $1.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) Plates withdrawn. (17½ c.)

Baker, William M.—Mose Evans. 16°, pp. 323. $1.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $26..... .....*Lee & S.* (25 c.).

Booth, Edwin.—Dramatic Characters. Portr. by W. J. Hennessy, eng. by W. J. Linton. Biog. Sketch by Wm. Winter. La. 4°, pp. 78. $10. $165....*Estes & L.* ($180.)

Bowles, Sam'l.—The Pacific Railroad Open. 16°, pp. 182. 75 c.; pap., 35 c. (Copyr. 3 c. per copy.) $7..*Rand.*

Boys' Picture-Book of Boats. Sm. 4°, pp. 24. Flex., 30 c. $10..... ... .*R. W. Shoppell* (10 c.).

Bremer.—Life, Letters, and Posthumous Works of Fredrika Bremer. Cr. 8°, pp. 449. $1.75. (Copyr. 5 p. c.) $31. *R. W. Shoppell.*

Butterworth's Concordance to the Holy Scriptures. *New ed.* By Adam Clark, LL.D. 8°, pp. 516. Shp., $1.75. $69..... .....*J. E. Potter & Co.*

Child, Lydia Maria.—The Freedmen's Book. 16°, pp. 283. $1.25 (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $18.....*R. W. Shoppell.*

— A Romance of the Republic. 16°, pp. 446. $2. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $30.....*R. W. Shoppell.*

Christmas Carol: "Christ was born on Christmas Day." Illus. by J. A. Hows. 4°, pp 16. Tky. mor., $5. $46. *R. W. Shoppell* ($140.)

Christmas Poems and Pictures. Illus. 4°, pp. 98. $2.50; tky. mor., $5. $60....*J. David Williams* (80 c.–$1.37).

Cogswell's Theological Class Book. 18°, pp. 180. Bds., 40 c. $6..... ....*R. W. Shoppell.*

Country Picture-Book. Sm. 4°, pp. 24. Flex., 30 c. $11. *R. W. Shoppell.*

Conceits and Caprices. Sq. 18°, pp. 98. 75 c. $5. *J. David Williams.*

Cozzens, Frederick S.—Sayings of Dr. Bushwacker. 12°, pp. 279. $1.50. $20..... .....*R. W. Shoppell.*

— Acadia; or, Life among the Blue-Noses. 12°, pp. 327. $1.50. $20.....*R. W. Shoppell.*

Cranch, Christopher Pearse.—The Bird and the Bell. 16°, pp. 342. $2. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $17...*Rand* (10 c.).

Darley, F. O. C.—Sketches Abroad with Pen and Pencil. Illus. Second ed. 4°, pp. 200. $2.50; gt., $3; hf. cf., $5. (Copyr. 20 c. per copy.) $50...*Estes & L.* ($1.75).

— War Pictures. Illus. 4°, pp. 32. $2; tky. mor., $5. $26..... .....*Miller* (50 c.; $1.25).

Dickens, Charles.—A Child's Dream of a Star. Illus. by Hammett Billings, engr. by W. J. Linton. Sm. 4°. $3; mor., $7. $45 .....*A. Cogswell.*

Douglas, Marian.—Picture-Poems, for Young Folks. 16°, pp. 112. Illus. $1.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c). $14. *J. R. Elliot* (27½ c.).

— Peter and Polly. 18°, pp. 268. $1. $15. *J. R. Elliot* (15 c.).

Eliot, George.—Poems. The Legend of Jubal, and Other Poems. 16°, pp. 237. $1.50; hf. cf., $3; mor., $4. $13. *J. R. Elliot* (18 c.; 16 c.).

— How Lisa Loved the King. 16°, pp. 48. 50 c. $3.50. *J. R. Elliot.*

Emerson, Rev. Jos.—Evangelical Primer. 18°, pp. 72. Pap., 12 c. $2.50..... .....*R. W. Shoppell* (1 c.).

— Biblical Outline. 16°, pp. 126. Pap., 25 c. $4.50. *R. W. Shoppell* (1 c.).

Etting, Frank M.—History of Independence Hall. Illus. Sq. 4°, pp. 214. $5. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $105. *J. R. Elliot* ($1).

Felton, Cornelius Conway.—Familiar Letters from Europe. 16°, pp. 394. $1.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $25...*Rand.*

Flagg, Wilson.—Woods and By-Ways of New England. 8°, pp. 460. Illus. $4; hf. cf., $7. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $41. *Estes & L.*

— The Birds and Seasons of New England. 8°, pp. 465. $4; hf. cf., $7. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $40...*Estes & L.* ($1.10).

Good Little Hearts. By Aunt Fanny. Illus. 4 v. 16°, pp. 650. Per set, $2.50. Per v., $11..... .. *Miller.*

Gouraud, Julia.—A Little Boy's Story. 16°, pp. 314. $1. $45..... ....*Lippincott.*

Hawthorne, Julian.—Idolatry. A romance. 12°, pp. 372. $2. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) Plates withdrawn. (15c.)

— Saxon Studies. 12°, pp. 452. $2. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) Plates withdrawn. (25 c.–20 c.)

Hayes, Dr. I. I.—The Open Polar Sea. Illus. Pop. ed. Post 8°, pp. 480. $2.50. $80.....*J. R. Elliot.*

Hole, Rev. Charles B. A.—A Brief Biographical Dictionary. 16°, pp. 470. $1.50; hf. mor., $3. $37. *J. David Williams.*

Hopkins, J. H., Jr.—The Gregorian Tones, set to: 1. The Ten Selections and the Proper Psalms on Certain Days. 12°, pp. 111. $1. Plates withdrawn. (1 c.)—2. The Canticles for Morning and Evening Prayer, etc. 12°, pp. 39. 60 c. Plates withdrawn. (1c.)—3. Also the Choral Service, with Litany. 12°, pp. 10. 50 c. Plates withdrawn. (1 c.)—The three, bound in one volume. 16°, pp. 161. $1.25 Plates withdrawn. (2 c.)—With Harmonies for the Organ, for each of the above. 4°, pp. 23. $1.75. Plates withdrawn. (8 c.)

Hudson, H. R.—Poems. 16°, pp. 218. $1.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $12..... . ...*R. W. Shoppell* (7 c.).

Hughes, Thomas.—Memoir of a Brother. 12°, pp. 194. $1.25; hf. cf., $3. $13 .....*Rand* (17½ c.).

Hymnal. Protestant Episcopal Church. 16°, pp. 491. 75 c., $1; roan, $1.50; cf. or mor., $4. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $37.50..... ....*R. W. Shoppell* (30 c.).

Johnson, E.—The Judge's Pets. Illus. 16°, pp. 212. 75 c. $17..... *Lippincott* (15 c.).

Lamartine, Alphonse de.—Fior d'Aliza. 16°, pp. 240. $1.25. $16 .....*Holt* (5 c.).

Lamon, Ward H.—Life of Abraham Lincoln. Illus. chiefly Portr. 8°, pp. 562. $5; hf. cf., $8. (Copyr. $1 per copy.) $52.50.....*J. R. Elliot* ($1.50).

Larcom, Lucy.—Breathings of the Better Life. Sm. 4°, pp. 296. $2.50; hf. cf., $3.75; mor., $5. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $20..... .....*R. W. Shoppell.*

Leland, Charles Godfrey.—The Egyptian Sketch Book. 16°, pp. 342. $1.50 (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $26. *R. W. Shoppell* (22½ c.).

Little Blue Hood Books:—1. Little Blue Hood. By Thomas Miller. Illus. Sq. 16, pp. 95. 50 c.—2. Little Bird Red and Little Bird Blue. By M. Betham Edwards. Illus. Sq 12°, pp. 48. 50 c. 3. The Pet Lamb, and Other Stories for our Little Friends. Sq. 12°, pp. 48. 50 c.—4. The Illustrated Book of Songs, for Children. Illus. Sq. 12°, pp. 64. 50 c.—5. The Water-Lily. Illus. (Phiz) H. K. Browne. Sq. 12°, pp. 118. 50 c. Per v., $9. *Miller* (10 c. - 9 c.)

Lorimer, Mary.—Among the Trees. 4°, pp. 158. $2.25; mor., $5. $21..... .....*J. R. Elliot* (27½ c.-$1.12½).

Ludlow, Fitz Hugh.—The Heart of the Continent. Illus. 8°, pp. 574. $3.75. Pop. ed., post 8°, $2.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $65.....*R. W. Shoppell.*

Lunt, George.—Old New England Traits. 16°, pp. 250. $1.50. $15.....*R. W. Shoppell.*

Maurice, Frederick Denison.—On the Lord's Prayer. 16°, pp. 198. $1.25. $16.....*Tibbals* (33 c.).

Mazzini.—Joseph Mazzini; his Life, Writings, and Political Principles. Portr. 8°, pp. 398. $1.75. $28. *R. W. Shoppell* (25 c.).

Missionary Picture Gallery. 4°, pp. 32. 50 c. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $21.....*R. W. Shoppell* (10 c.).

Moore, Clement C.—A Visit from St. Nicholas. Illus. 4°, pp. 8. 50 c. $26..... .....*Estes & L.*

Moustache, Vieux.—An Old Boy's Stories. Illus:—Two Lives in One. 16, pp. 252. $1. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $22. —Our Fresh and Salt Tutors. 16°, pp. 252. $1. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $22.—Boarding School Days. 16°, pp. 296. $1. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $22.....*S. T. Souder.*

Nichols, James R., M.D.—Fireside Science. 12°, pp. 292. $1.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $25...*A. Cogswell* (50 c.).

Oriental Picture Gallery. 4°, pp. 32. Flex., 50 c. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $5.... .. ..*R. W. Shoppell* (10 c.).

Palgrave, Francis Turner.—Essays on Art. Cr. 8°, pp. 338. $1.75; hf. cf., $3.50. $26....*J. David Williams.*

Parker, Edward H., M.D.—The Handbook for Mothers. 12°, pp. 246. $1.50. $20.....*R. W. Shoppell.*

Pilpay's Fables. Illus. Cr. 8°, pp. 292. $3.50; 16°, $1. $20..... .. ..*Lippincott* (40-17½ c.).

Rainbows for Children. Illus. 16°, pp. 170. $1.50. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $12.....*R. W. Shoppell* (21 c.).

Rhyming Story Book. Illus. Sm. 4°, pp. 64. 50 c. (Copyr. 5 p. c.) $11..... ... .. *S. T. Souder* (10 c.).

Richardson, Abby Sage.—Percy's Year of Rhymes. Illus. Sm. 4°, pp. 44. Bds., 50 c. (Copyr. 5 p. c.) $12. *R. W. Shoppell* (12 c.-8 c.-7 c.).

— Stories from Old English Poetry. Illus. 16°, pp. 290. $1. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $22.....*R. W. Shoppell* (25 c.).

Robinson's Edition of Calmet's Dictionary of the Holy Bible. Illus. Imp. 8°, pp. 1007. Shp., $5.50. $161. *R. W. Shoppell* ($1).

— Dictionary of the Bible, for the use of Schools and Young Persons, abridged and compiled from Calmet. Illus. 18°, pp. 371. Shp., $1. $25.....*R. W. Shoppell* (10 c.).

Saintine, X. B.—Dame Nature and Her Three Daughters. Illus. 16°, pp. 278. $1. $20.....*Lippincott.*

Shakespeare's Mental Photographs. 16°, pp. 36. Pap., 15 c. $4.....*S. T. Souder.*

Stoddard, C. W.—South Sea Idyls. 18°, pp. 354. Saunterer's Series. $1.25. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $22. *R. W. Shoppell* (20 c.).

Stoddard, R. H.—The Children in the Wood. 4°, pp. 8. Pap., 50 c. Plates withdrawn. (3½-3 c.)

— Little Red Riding Hood. Illus. 4°, pp. 8. 25 c. $16. *J. David Williams.*

Stuart's Life of Jonathan Trumbull, Sen., the Rev. Gov. of Conn. 8°, pp. 700. $3. $80 .....*Brown & Gross.*

Thackeray, William Makepeace.—Ballads. 16°, pp. 236. $1.25. $42.... .....*Holt.*

The Treasury of Fairy Stories. Illus. Sm. 4°, pp. 132. $1; gt., $1.25. $47.50....*J. David Williams* (26-19 c.).

Weeks, Mrs. Helen C.—The Ainslee Series for Young People:—The Ainslee Stories. Illus. 12°, pp. 418. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $21.—Grandpa's House. Illus. 16°, pp. 244. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $21.—White and Red. Illus. 16°, pp. 268. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $21.—Four and What they Did. Illus. 16°, pp. 322. (Copyr. 10 p. c.) $21. *Dutton* (20 c.-18 c.).

Wesley.—Charles Wesley seen in his finer and less familiar Poems. 16°, pp. 414. $1.50; tky. mor., $4.50. $47.50. *S. T. Souder.*

Worcester's Watts's Psalms and Hymns, entire. 12° ed., pp. 776. Shp., $1.50; roan, $2; mor., $4. $40. *Rand* (mor., 7½ c.).

— 18° ed., pp. 776. Bds., $1; shp., $1.25; roan, $1.50; mor., $3. $27. .....*Rand* (1-3-5 c.).

— 32° ed., pp. 776. Shp., $1; roan, $1.25; mor., $2. $20. *Rand* (3-5 c.).

JOHN E. POTTER & CO.

The Family Instructor. By Robert Sears. 8°, pp. 534. $3. $75. .....*Shoppell.*

The Religious Denominations in the United States. By Joseph Belcher, D.D. Nearly 200 eng. Roy. 8°, pp. 1024. $5. $150..... .....*Shoppell.*

Rattling, Roaring Rhymes on Mormon Utah and her Institutions. By Will Cooper. 12°, pp. 140. $7.50. *Shoppell.*

Sparkling Gems. By C. Collins, Jr. Obl. 4°. $7.50. *Shoppell.*

By the close of the sale, the bidding was confined mostly to Mr. Shoppell, and several of the Potter plates, as well as those of Ledyard Bill, were withdrawn or passed over.

The remainders of editions from the Houghton and Osgood lists brought, as a rule, low prices, often not much above old paper. "The Centennial Catalogue" (cloth, $2) brought 10-6 cents, Cooper's novels brought about a sixth, Dickens' a third to a quarter, Barry Gray's books a fifth of their retail price.

The trade sale proper opened on Thursday morning, April 4th, more promptly than usual and with a fair attendance of buyers, about forty or fifty, ready to bid briskly. The uptown city trade was not so well represented as at the fall sale, otherwise there were the usual "old familiar faces." Mr. J. K. Pratt took the stand at the start, but was glad, after his previous day's work, to be relieved quite early in the day by Mr. Jo. Foster, who popped into the room declaring that "he'd been travelling all night with only a cup of coffee to eat or drink," and made his way to the stand amid the usual little ovation. He began at once to make things lively, and before long there was the usual running fire of *repartée*, keeping the room in a roar.

The first day was given up to Houghton, Osgood & Co.'s invoice, as usual. Mr. Osgood was present, as was also, as a looker-on in Genoa, Mr. Benj. K. Ticknor; the latter's usual place at the side of the auctioneer was taken by Mr. Thomas B. Ticknor. The sale opened briskly with Rev. Jos. Cook's books, which brought inside of forty off. Other new miscellaneous books fetched an average of from fifty to forty off; the illustrated "Scarlet Letter" went low, at two thirds off; the new Library Holmes brought about half off. "Christmastide" and its parts sold at about two thirds off. The "Favorite" Tennyson, 250 copies, brought half to 55 off; the Library poets, an average of half. The heliotype volumes, several of which were "out" of catalogue, went at about $3.50. The Little Classic Emerson and Hawthorne brought close on 40. The Household poets went at forty to a half off; Diamonds averaged a little lower; Red-line about half. The Imperial Classics went at less than half; the $5 holiday books at $2 down. At the start of the sale, it will be seen, the prices ran fully as high as, perhaps a little higher than, at the fall sale.

THE POSTAL BILL IN THE HOUSE.

We give below *verbatim* the sections of the postal bill, as reported from the Committee to the House, in which there are important changes, the important additions in italics, the omitted portions bracketed in smaller type.

Sec. 5. Publications thus registered, or to which a temporary permit has been granted, except as provided in Sec. 21, when sent by the publisher thereof, and from the office of publication, including sample copies, or when sent from a news agency to actual subscribers, shall be entitled to transmission through the mails at two cents per pound or fraction thereof.

Sec. 9. That the conditions upon which a publication shall be admitted to the privilege of registration are as follows:

First, It must be regularly issued at stated intervals, as frequently as four times a year, and bear a date of issue, and be numbered conclusively;

Second, It must be issued from a known office of publication;

Third, It must be formed of printed paper sheets, without board, cloth, leather, or other substantial binding such as distinguishes printed books for preservation from periodical publications;

Fourth, It must be originated and published for the dissemination of information of a public character, or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts, or some special industry, and having a legitimate list of subscribers: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to admit [publications which, although issued in regular series or successive numbers, are but books or reprints of books, or] publications primarily designed for advertising purposes, or for free circulation, or for circulation at nominal rates, to the benefit of the privileged rate [whether printed in this country or abroad].

Sec. 12. That publishers of registered matter of the second class may, without subjecting it to additional rate of postage, fold within their regular issues a supplement; but in all cases the added matter must be germane to the publication which it supplements; that is to say, matter supplied in order to complete that to which it is added or supplemented, but omitted from the regular issue for want of space, time, or greater convenience, which supplement must in every case be issued with the publication [and must have the title and date of the publication which it supplements printed on its first page or cover].

Sec. 13. That on all mail matter of the third class, including books, transient newspapers and periodicals, circulars, and other matter wholly in print, proof-sheets, corrected proof-sheets, and manuscript copy accompanying the same, postage shall be paid at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fractional part thereof, and shall be prepaid by postage-stamps affixed to said matter. All books admitted to the mails for conveyance therein under the provisions of the Postal Union Treaty *may be delivered free fom any customs duty.*

Sec. 18. There may be placed upon the cover or blank leaves of any book, or of any printed matter of the third class, *the price thereof*, and a simple manuscript or printed dedication or inscription that does not partake of the nature of a personal correspondence.

Sec. 21. That of publications registered under the provisions of section 5 of this act, one copy to each actual subscriber residing within the county where the same are printed in whole or in part and published shall go free through the mails; but the same shall not be delivered at letter-carrier offices or be distributed by carriers unless postage is paid thereon at the rate of *one cent for two ounces* [instead of two cents per pound] or fraction thereof.

Sec. 22. That all matter of the first class deposited for mailing on which more than one full rate of postage is required, but which has been prepaid by but one full rate, may be held until such additional postage is paid, when the sender of the same is known to the postmaster, until such additional rate has been prepaid; but when such sender is not known, such matter shall be forwarded to its destination, charged with the unpaid rate, to be collected on delivery: [*Provided, also*, That whenever a letter is deposited in a post-office for mailing on which no postage has been paid, the postmaster at said office shall immediately notify the person addressed, specifying the amount of postage due, and upon receipt of the same he shall affix and cancel the requisite stamp, and forward the letter as addressed.]

Sec. 24. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to introduce and furnish for public use a letter-sheet envelope, on which postage-stamps of the denominations used on ordinary envelopes shall be placed. And the Postmaster-General is also authorized to introduce and furnish for public use a double postal-card, on which shall be placed two one-cent stamps, and said card to be so arranged for the address that it may be forwarded and returned, said cards to be sold for two cents a piece; and also to introduce and furnish for public use a double-letter envelope, on which stamps of the denominations now in use may be placed, and with the arrangement for the address similar to the double postal-card; said letter-sheet and double postal-card and double envelope to be issued under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred by the government in introducing said letter-sheet, double envelope, and double postal-card.

BOOK NOTICES.

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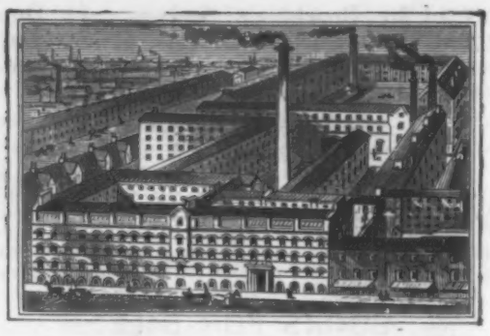

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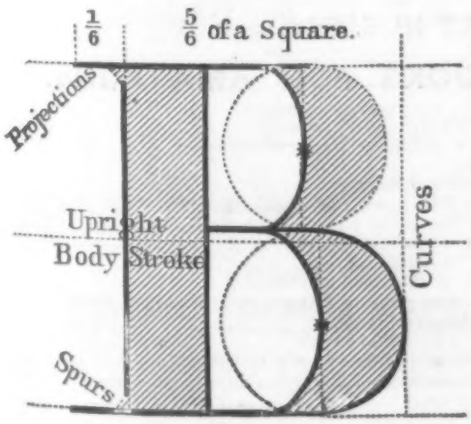

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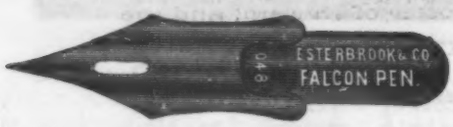

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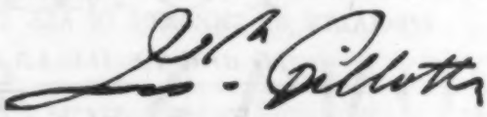

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